Memorandum from Coconut Growers in Kerala

6796. SHRI KODIKKUNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any memorandum from the Coconut growers in Kerala regarding difficulties faced by them;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a): No memorandum has been received during 1991 in Ministry of Agriculture from Coconut growers in Kerala.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Per Capita Milk Consumption

6797. SHRI T. J. ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the per capita consumption of milk in the urban and rural areas of Kerala separately during 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): Data on per capita consumption of milk separately for urban and rural areas of Kerala during 1990-91 are not available. However, the National Sample Survey Organisation, Department of Statistics conducts regularly nationwide surveys on household consumer expenditure. This survey provides data on the value of consumption of various groups of household items including the expenditure of milk and milk products in rural and urban areas.

As per this survey, the value of consumption of milk and milk products per person for a period of 30 days during 1988-89 (latest available) in Kerala is Rs. 11.20 for rural areas and Rs. 18.68 for urban areas.

[*Translation*]

Promotion to SC/ST Telephone Operators in MTNL, Delhi.

6798. SHRI. RAMCHANDRA VEERAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Telephone Operators promoted in Supervisor Grade in Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited, Delhi during last three years;

(b) the number of persons belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes out of them.

(c) whether the SC/ST employees have been given the residue quota fixed by the Government in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI. RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b). Sir, in the year 1988, 51 telephone operators including 6 SC candidates and one ST candidate were restored to Supervisory grade. In the years 1989 & 1990, number of such operators was 22 and 16 respectively. However, there was no SC/ST candidates among them.

(c) and (d). Sir, SC/ST employees have been given the reserved quota fixed by the Government in this regard in the years prior to November, 1983. Due to introduction of One Time Bound Promotion (OTBP) Scheme w.e.f. 30.11.1983, 228 posts of Supervisors were reduced and operators already promoted as Supervisors were reverted to their